

VILLA, "STILL FRIENDLY," DIGS TRENCHES, FORTIFIES JUAREZ

His Wife Packs Up Her Goods to Leave El Paso, Which Causes Suspicious Comment There.

REBEL LEADER "PLEASED" WITH SITUATION

He Declares Carranza "Is Mistaken in His Attitude" and Is Said to Be Working to Set His Chief Right.

El Paso, Tex., April 25.—Pancho Villa started digging trenches in Juarez to-day and a number of bales of cotton seized from the Spaniards after the fall of Torreón were rolled into position to serve as fortifications.

Mrs. Villa completed her packing preparatory to leaving El Paso. Villa was as usual, suave and polite to-day as usual, and when asked regarding the situation in Mexico said:

"I hope the United States keeps its troops at Vera Cruz until I can get to Mexico city."

Villa said to-night that he was glad the United States had accepted the overtures of South American republics to mediate and that he hoped Huerta would also accept.

From all outward appearances the rebel leader is pleased with the situation and is confident that the embargo will soon be raised and that he will be permitted to get ammunition again.

It is said openly that Villa is determined not to have trouble with the United States, that he resents the stand taken by Carranza and that if "the supreme chief" does back down from the position stated in his note to President Wilson Villa will take charge of the situation.

Puzzling to Americans.

Officers under Villa declared positively to-day that their chief was friendly toward the United States and did not regard the American occupation of Vera Cruz as an insult to the Mexican nation. This apparent happiness in face of the recent events is puzzling Americans.

The question is asked to-day: Is Villa making his real sentiments until he can get troops here from Torreón? Those who ask the question remember how he slipped in his army at night when least expected and captured Juarez from the Federals within an hour. They realize that he is wily.

However, even these advance the argument that Villa must know such a move if made against the United States would prove disastrous to himself, as he has practically little ammunition and no means of getting more.

Villa's officers declare that he is merely at the border to watch developments and when asked why he was arranging fortifications in Juarez one replied: "Well, you are taking precautions in El Paso, aren't you? Wouldn't you grant us the same right?"

If Villa is sincere in his declarations and is not marking time for some concealed purpose then it is believed that Carranza must back down from the position he took in his note to President Wilson or Villa will take the reins in his own hands and drive the chariot of state as well as the military war wagon.

Villa Sends for Reporter.

Villa sent for a reporter this morning in order that he might give out the information in which he hoped the United States would hold Vera Cruz until he could reach Mexico city. He asked that it receive full publicity.

There can thus be no question about the split between Carranza and Villa if Villa is sincere in his declaration for Carranza in his note to the President, took the position that the United States had violated Mexican territory and must withdraw. Villa went further to-day. He declared: "The chief is mistaken in his attitude," and to-day Villa did not qualify his statement as he had done previously by saying that he would obey his chief.

There is a report that Villa himself is negotiating with Secretary Bryan through George C. Carothers, and ignoring Carranza. This is denied by Roberto Pesquera, Carranza's diplomatic agent in El Paso, who believes that his chief and Mr. Bryan will reach an understanding. It is understood that Pesquera will leave tomorrow to take up the negotiations directly with Mr. Bryan.

It is known that he is working hard in common with other representatives of the United States to show Carranza where there is a loophole in his recent letter large enough to get through with dignity. Carranza sees Villa very often.

Villa's officers, several of them, when spoken to to-day regarding the Carranza-Villa affair laughed when Carranza was mentioned as "the first chief."

"He is the first chief as long as Villa

VERA CRUZ OFFICERS WON'T ACT.

Civil Authorities Demand Withdrawal of U. S. Troops First.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Admiral Fletcher's efforts to have the civil authorities at Vera Cruz resume their duties have failed, according to dispatches received at the Navy Department to-day. The Admiral reported that these officials made their return to office conditional upon the withdrawal of American troops from the city. This bulletin was given out at the Department.

"A telegram has been received from Admiral Fletcher saying that while no casualties have so far resulted desultory shooting occurred in three sections of the city during the night, causing much excitement and alarm among the residents of Vera Cruz."

Admiral Fletcher reports that he has failed to persuade the Federal and State officials to continue in office and efforts to establish civil government have been unsuccessful. The City Council yesterday considered the proclamation issued by Admiral Fletcher, which was explained to them by a prominent lawyer, who urged cooperation by all patriotic citizens of Vera Cruz in order to secure resumption of all functions of their civil government by themselves for the preservation and protection of their own interests. The municipal officials delayed final action and were inclined to make withdrawal of our forces from the city proper as a condition.

PACIFIC FLEET ASSEMBLING.

Cruiser Cleveland Leaves Mare Island and Yards for Manzanillo.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—It became apparent to-day that every available sailing ship on the Pacific coast will be assembled in west coast Mexican waters. Orders for the auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, which was to have steamed for Alaska before May 1, have been changed and the Buffalo will join the west coast fleet assembling at Manzanillo. The cruiser Cleveland left Mare Island this afternoon

wishes him to be," said one of Villa's officers. A man very close to the rebel chief went so far as to ask this question:

"If Gen. Villa and Gen. Carranza had disagreed at Chihuahua over the message of Carranza to the President of the United States, wouldn't it be natural for Villa to come to the border and patch the thing up?"

"Wouldn't it then be possible for Gen. Villa, after he had fixed things up with the United States so that your country would hold the Huerta ports and let us have ammunition to fight Huerta, to return to Chihuahua and give Gen. Carranza the option of accepting the situation or going to jail?"

The officer made no positive assertion. He merely put his remark in the form of questions, but the questions are believed to have had much significance.

Meanwhile the policy of watchful waiting continues on the El Paso side of the Rio Grande.

Two more batteries of artillery are en route here from Fort Riley, Kan. They will arrive Sunday night, making the total number of batteries at El Paso four and the total number of guns sixteen.

Gen. Pershing and the Eighth Brigade of infantry will not reach here from the Presidio until tomorrow morning. Col. Treat accompanied the artillery battery here from San Antonio and is in command of that arm of the service now here.

Precautions of the last two nights were repeated in El Paso to-night to guard against trouble. The town is under military patrol.

Civilian Posse Ready.

No steps have been taken here to organize a home guard in accordance with the offer of the Governor to furnish rifles to such guards. However, a civilian posse, sworn in under the Sheriff, is ready for momentary action. Several smaller towns east of here have taken steps to form home guards and have applied to the State for arms.

The two carloads of cannon from Torreón, the presence of which on flatcars en route to El Paso caused a sensation earlier in the week, have proved to be nine cannon which the Federals partly wrecked at Torreón before abandoning them. They are being brought to Juarez to be repaired, Villa says. When they are repaired his artillery in the border town will be augmented by that many field guns.

A telegram from Matamoros telling of the renewal of fighting between rebels and Federals at Tampico was received in Juarez this afternoon. It is reported that the armistice between the Federals and rebels ended to-day, and that the struggle for the possession of the port was resumed. This contradicts reports that the rebels and Federals had combined there to oppose the United States forces. The Matamoros message was dated April 24 and was filed for transmission late in the day. It reads:

"After the twenty-four hours armistice we renewed the attack on Tampico to-day, having learned that the Huertistas were making an anti-American demonstration within the city. At this moment a regiment of our forces is fighting in the outskirts of the city. We have already taken the enemies' outposts and fortifications and expect to be in complete possession of the city any time. The First and Fourth Brigades are leading in the attack under the personal command of Gen. Pablo Gonzales."

Another brief message, bearing date of to-day, said that desperate fighting was in progress at Tampico.

Americans Burned at Stake.

Americans from Torreón have confirmed the report that an American, Maurice McDonald, was caught by the Federals at the first battle of San Pedro, that the soles of his feet were cut off and that he was burned through the streets and finally burned at the stake. American refugees from Torreón say that Americans who were in San Pedro at the time of the capture have verified the report that McDonald was killed and that he was tortured before being shot. McDonald's home was in Berkeley, Cal. He was a gunner for Villa.

Off Sausalito she was joined by the torpedo boats Hull, Lawrence and Preble and they steamed down the coast in company.

The cruiser West Virginia is due here now and the cruiser St. Louis is due tomorrow from Bremerton. After coaling and receiving supplies they will proceed south. Every available man at the navy yard is at work preparing for the departure of war craft for the south.

The cruisers Charleston and Chattanooga are being made ready for sea at Bremerton. The collier Prometheus is being converted into a floating foundry at Mare Island and will be sent down the coast as a repair ship. Authority to spend \$70,000 in repairs on the collier Nanshan was received at Mare Island to-day. The collier Nero is being repaired and will likely get away from Bremerton about May 3.

CUBA TO SEND A CRUISER.

Will Take on Cuban Refugees at Vera Cruz.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

HAVANA, April 25.—President Menocal will send the cruiser Cuba to Vera Cruz tomorrow, not in the character of a warship, but to assist Cuban refugees at that port.

BRITISH SIDE WITH U. S.

Papers Almost Unanimous in Indorsing Wilson.

LONDON, April 25.—The English Government and the English people as a whole are apparently in keen sympathy with the United States in seeking to pacify Mexico. The leading newspapers to-day, almost unanimously have indorsed the United States in the present crisis.

The *Standard* in an editorial says: "If the United States sets herself systematically to conquer Mexico and restore order there, she will have the most sincere good wishes of all who think that civilization is preferable to barbarism. Cheers which the British sailors gave the American landing parties at Vera Cruz were an absolutely accurate expression of the feelings of all men of British birth. We are heart and soul for the United States against Mexico."

ITALIANS AGAINST U. S.

Popular Sympathy Sides With Mexico in Present Trouble.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

ROME, April 25.—Popular feeling here is decidedly anti-American and sympathy with Mexico in the present trouble is openly expressed. The *Popolo Romano*, which is generally inspired by the government, urges arbitration or mediation between the two countries. It says war would be bound to lead to the devastation of Mexico and an enormous sacrifice of lives if America is bent on winning at any cost. It says neutrality on the part of Europe and inactivity by Japan are certain.

UGARTE ROUSING SOUTH AMERICA AGAINST U. S.

Uruguayans Burn President Wilson's Portrait—Consulate Guarded.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

BUENOS AYRES, April 25.—The newspapers here and in other parts of South America are very much opposed to President Wilson's policy in Mexico. Anti-

American demonstrations are reported from several places. In this city Dr. Manuel Ugarte, the Argentine poet and agitator, who some time ago made violent anti-American speeches in Mexico and other Latin American countries, has formed a committee for the purpose of organizing a big demonstration against the United States for its action in Mexico.

Despatches from Montevideo say that hundreds of Uruguayans signed a petition calling for a great meeting of the people to-night to protest against the American policy in Mexico. The feeling in Uruguay is strongly anti-American and last night bands of students assembled in the streets and made violent speeches in which the American Government was denounced for its course in Mexico. A procession was formed, but

was dispersed by the police because a permit had not been obtained. The demonstrators obtained a portrait of President Wilson which they burned, at the same time cheering for President Huerta of Mexico. A guard of police was placed around the American legation and consulate as a precautionary measure. The police finally dispersed the students, but not before several of them had been wounded.

Fair Director's Wife on Stage.

Mrs. A. W. Scott, Jr., prominent in San Francisco society, joined the Robert Mantell company in St. Louis two months ago as leading woman and will appear with Mr. Mantell at the DeKalb Theatre in Brooklyn beginning to-morrow night. Mrs. Scott's husband is one of the directors of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Company.

JEWISH COMPANY VOLUNTEERS.

Roosevelt Guards of Wisconsin Offer Their Services.

MILWAUKEE, April 25.—The Roosevelt Guards, the only military organization in Wisconsin composed of Jewish young men, at a meeting adopted a resolution to-day offering their services to the United States in event of war with Mexico. The members will try to raise a company of 108 men and recruiting stations have been opened for this purpose.

In La Crosse services as nurses of 300 nuns of the Franciscan order, whose headquarters are here, were offered to the War Department by the mother superior to-day. A dozen experienced nurses can start on an hour's notice, it is announced, and others will follow rapidly. The sisters are all eager to go to the front.

New Service Quarters of The Aeolian Co., Long Island City.

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A YEAR AGO last October, The Aeolian Company moved from its old home on Fifth Avenue to the immense new Aeolian Hall on West Forty-second Street, opposite Bryant Park. The tremendous growth of its business demanded an establishment far larger and more complete than anything hitherto required in the music industry.

Today, another Department of the Aeolian Company is moving. The Warehouse and Service Branches have greatly outgrown their old quarters on 36th and 32nd Streets, and are being combined in the immense new building recently acquired in Long Island City.

This present removal is as significant as was the other. Selling and Service are equally vital factors in modern business. With the enormously increased sales of the Aeolian Company have come increased responsibilities for service.

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Preliminary Notice of

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